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**Subject:** Thank you for your prompt response.

Julanne,

In response to the below questions:

1) I'm not sure what you mean by "indoctrination" which has an almost 'cult' connotation to it. As a council member, you are entitled to your own opinions on all of the topics. Most attend the council meetings once elected to see how they work, as Tony did. To the extent that a new member has questions on a specific topic, you can arrange to meet with one or two of us to ask about the procedures, as Tony has done. We have to be mindful in such situations not to have "outcome" discussions or other forms of decision making and there should not be a quorum present so as not to trigger sunshine rules. You can always ask any of us what we think or procedurally how we are addressing an issue. We handle all decisions in open meetings, and we have been very consistent about that considering we're a small town.

[ ] In one sense it could be construed that way however, that was not the intention, more along the lines of **doctrinaire**: to instruct. I understand fully the precautions associated with private meetings.

2) There are no "narratives" on the various topics that we currently face, as we have faced so many in the past two years that one of us would have to spend hours writing it. My one-seventh advice would be to ask as they resurface and we can fill you in on a case-by-case basis.

***[ ] As to the case by case basis offer I would like to meet with one or two of you so that I might be informed about unresolved issues that are likely to surface in the coming months. It should not take too long if we use broad strokes-***

3) Jessup/Dimock - Last year Marion and I were given permission by Council to block any water expansion to Dimock or oil and gas concerns and to assure proper adult supervision over the Lake as the sole resource of water for the town. We filed document requests with DEP that anticipated litigation; DEP understood where we were going; DEP then elected to end the pipeline nonsense and seek settlement. We weren't the sole cause of the pipeline failure, but more accurately the straw that broke the camel's back. It is obvious from the documents produced that PAWC has not been properly managing the Lake and DEP has not been properly managing PAWC. At those meetings, the decision was made for us to file whatever was necessary to protect the Lake from poachers, including Dimock and the oil and gas industry. Jessup is a continuation of that saga and will be part of the ultimate injunction.

***[] Was the permission granted by Council covered in a news piece?***

***[] I am not sure what you mean about "proper adult supervision." Also, during the meeting requested above, I hope to learn some of the legal reasoning Montrose Borough is using in an attempt to regulate or constrain a public utility.***

4) I cannot speak for the rest, but I for one did not anticipate the Dimock thuggery from last night. The people of Dimock invited the gas companies onto their property in exchange for gas royalties; they then sued for money damages and received higher than market value for their properties; now they're looking to pirate our water and pocket the proceeds from their royalties and settlements. As I stated earlier, I would have arrested them and let them spend the night in Kenny's lock up.

***[] No comment***

5) Marion is looking into the various means of restricting their access to us at a meeting. Non-Borough residents like Craig Stevens legally have no standing to speak at our meetings and we will enforce that - we can pile on a host of restrictions for filming, etc., and make it unpalatable for them to come and disrupt, which is all they are seeking to do.

***[] As the account holder on Jessup Street, Craig Stevens has an interest. Moreover, since Jessup Street was on the Agenda Craig Stevens, it seems to me has standing to speak to that issue, legally.***

I did not notice anyone being disruptive. I do not think Marion will find anything that will permit restricted access to a public meeting although some restrictions on speech by non residents likely will hold up.

6) I'm not sure what you are getting at when you refer to a "burrowing tactic." We were confronted by a group of hypocritical, attention-seeking, thugs, with no respect for the political process, themselves, or the people of the Borough who elected us. We left because it was the proper thing to do under the circumstances and allows us to be better prepared for their devilry when they return. If Craig Stevens wants to be on YouTube, let him waste his own time to do so, and not bother Borough residents. I thoroughly disagree that leaving reflected poorly on us. Stacey Wilson throws her punches at us all of the time, which you need to get used to -- I didn't read into it any more than that -- those I've spoken to last night and this morning patted us on the back.

By your response you seem pretty sure what I meant- at least I kept the "w."

**[]** Craig Stevens has an interest by his relationship with Penn Am Water as relates to the Jessup street issue. Yes, point well taken, I will have to get used to that aspect of this undertaking.

7) By your own statement Erin apologized and gave you the Boro Code. You already know from my emails that it is outdated and needs to be republished. I believe that council has agreed to tackle that this year as well, assuming we don't get overwhelmed with other nonsense.

**[]** *By my own statement, the point I am trying to make is that when a new member comes on someone should at least hand them any requisite material after the swearing in or as was in my case at the first meeting. If I should be around when new members assume position I will see to it that my concern is addressed.*

8) As a general rule, Erin answers to the Finance Committee for her day to day duties. She is a bookkeeper first and secretary secondarily. She is still learning some ropes but has managed the books superbly. When we replaced Annette, we did so with a stronger emphasis on the books, since that is the majority of the work. As such, Erin is a conduit, not an answer. If what you seek requires an answer unrelated to bookkeeping, bring the question to Council.

**[]** *Yes I recall you asked that Erin undertake research on the (Sunshine) taping of public meeting question last night on behalf of the Council, although understandably we did not move on it. Thank you for that clarification.*

9) Thank you for the info on Bob and Lynn - the issue there is that our liability and responsibility, civilly and criminally, is centered upon the Borough and the best interests of those we legally represent. I don't really care what Lynn's agenda is for the "poor souls" of Dimock, it conflicts with my obligations toward those who elected me, and she needs to understand that.

**[]** *I do not think all of the constituents feel as you do, but that is merely my opinion.*

10) I don't understand your statement "just going to go on doing things without discussion before council" - what does that mean? Nothing has "been done" that hasn't occurred in a meeting. The issues related to Dimock water were already discussed in open Borough sessions and decided in the public forum. Thus, Jessup did not represent anything new by means of a decision. It rolls automatically into the injunctions that are already in play. The redevelopment authority is not technically a discussion item either, as we previously voted to complete all necessary paperwork on behalf of the MRC to assure that the lighting project goes through. All we had intended to do at the work session was complete the paperwork. The meeting Marion is referring to will address the Dimock hooligans and their bad behavior at Council meetings and the processes we will adopt to restrict such shenanigans. That meeting has to be advertised, so February 8 will not work, but next week will work. It can be a different day than Wednesday . . .

**Thank you for your flexibility in scheduling next week's meeting. I am available Monday, Thursday, Friday at 730. (Commitment in Scranton Tuesday and another meeting Wednesday.)**

I hope this addresses some of your concerns.

***[] It certainly does. Thank you very much for taking the time to respond so fully.***

**Julanne**

Sean

***In the post script I am glad Mayor John Wilson adjourned or gaveled out the meeting,***

***Be on the look-out for bigger cameras next time!***

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tue, Feb 7, 2012 1:43 pm

Subject: BURROW Meeting

(Erin, will you please let me know if there is any provision for indoctrination of new members?)  
Thanks.

How then are newer members brought up to speed? Can someone submit a narrative to new members? There has to be some provision for this that is within the legal realm. I am unaware of ongoing litigation with Penn American Water and would like to understand what is going on because the Jessup street water location and the Dimock folks are not going to go away.

With all the emails during the last several weeks on the Jessup street issue, calls from the Harwoods etc. The notion that something like this was going to happen must have crossed your minds. What are you going to do when they show up at meeting after meeting with camera and recording devices? This burrowing tactic falls short of our obligation as Borough officials with duties to perform. Yes, I saw the Scranton Times piece as well. Doesn't reflect well at all.

To illustrate my point, while preparing for a January meeting and attempting to refer to the codes cited in legal documentation, I found myself at the Borough building asking Erin if I was missing something... as it turns out I was missing the "Code of the Borough of Montrose." While Erin apologized I feel that something more be provided to new members. We cannot participate if we remain uninformed.

For your information Lynn and Bob live together. Lynn is largely responsible for the Susquehanna County Gas Forum. Vera puts a lot of material on Public Access. For example, she taped each one of the (League Marcellus series) five public programs (January-June 2010) I put together and moderated for the League of Women Voters. All five aired on public access at least twice.

Might I suggest that we not refer to fellow citizens in such a condescending manner? It will not bode well if emails should ever be subpoenaed.

Erin confirmed that "work sessions" were outlawed years ago, so Wednesday is a no-go. She also spoke with the Redevelopment Authority, and we are ok to get them the grant stuff after the mid-month meeting.

**I Thought the Redevelopment Authority issue was to be discussed last night.** Does Sean's statement mean that we are going to just go on doing things without discussion before council? If as Sean suggests, *work sessions* are illegal then perhaps an alternative is in order, more particularly to quote Marion:

"You may want to consider a Special Meeting prior to the mid month meeting to get these rules in place for that meeting, to minimize interference/disruption with and of the workings of our municipal government, which unfortunately appears to be the goal."

**Wednesday February 8 is close enough to mid month, we can cover the rules and perhaps a brief indoctrination for new members. Next Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> presents a conflict as I have another meeting.**

Regards,

Julanne

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**Subject:** Re: Boro Meeting

Lynn Senick is connected to Robert Barnett somehow. I think Church or Cherry St. He was also there. They travel in the

same circles as Vera. By the way, when I got home I hit channel 4 instead of 5 on the TV. Believe it or not, it was Vera

and camera in Sautners' driveway doing a press conference for 16 & 28 about the 1st EPA water delivery.

I skipped back to it during commercials & it was on there for the whole hour from 10 to 11.

They had Josh & Craig, some Julie ann something from Binghamton.

Don't know when it was actually done but Vera managed to get it on Public Access.

Craig

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 12:14 PM

**Subject:** Re: Boro Meeting

Hi All,

Erin confirmed that "work sessions" were outlawed years ago, so Wednesday is a no-go. She also spoke with the Redevelopment Authority, and we are ok to get them the grant stuff after the mid-month meeting.

By the way, I just reread the Scranton Times article and who is this Lynne Senick clown? What does she have to do with Dimock?

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: RE: Boro Meeting

I am sorry I didn't do more to ease the situation but being the low man on the pole I wasn't sure how to intervene or what to do. I am looking forward to Wednesday's meeting and being informed on past borough issues and actions. Is there a possibility we can set it for 730pm?

You did a nice job last night Tom. I think the fact that you talked to some of the group from Dimock allowed them to walk away with far less animosity than if they were not heard by anyone at all. Very wise. See you Wednesday.  
Julanne

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: RE: Boro Meeting

The Sunshine Act does allow for the recording of public meetings, so that's too bad. Council can control and regulate their use at the meetings, so I have asked Erin to contact PSAB, for particulars. The size of the meeting room should work in our favor to some extent.

You may want to consider a Special Meeting prior to the mid month meeting to get these rules in place for that meeting, to minimize interference/disruption with and of the workings of our municipal government, which unfortunately appears to be the goal.

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Re: Boro Meeting

This was a set up by the water people. Craig Stevens was the one who requested that the issue be put on the agenda so that a video of him giving a speech could be shot. If any councilman put this on it's news to me, I assumed someone had some more information on this connection. The story I got "outside" was that the connection belongs to Craig Stevens who wanted to discuss this with council because he "understood" we had a problem with it. The account is in his name and the location was chosen by PAWC after the sierras complained about the safety of getting it at the water plant. It's time for the injunction folks to stop all bulk water sales until PAWC can provide the proof of usage from the lake. I also informed the crowd outside of the Einstein rule when they said they'd be back, Don't expect different results from the same actions. I'm not going to be here for this bullshit and the minute any of it hits the telephone at work or starts to interfere in my lively hood, I'm done. (and I like a good debate!) They set this up from the beginning.....more later

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---- Lee's Furniture <leesfurniture@epix.net> wrote:

> So I went to my other meeting, & was telling about our meeting and got this

answer:

> Apparently sometime lately, Josh Fox (Gasland fame) went into the US Congress with a video recorder and wanted to record while they were in

> session. He was told politely that it wasn't going to happen. When he

> protested citing the Sunshine Law, he was told that Congress could make an

exception. As the story goes, it is now under judicial review.

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> I don't know if we did the right thing tonight. I feel badly that we

> had other business we could not get to because of this circus, but

> like you, I don't want every comment scrutinized by who knows what group, and

fed to the media as proof of something we did or didn't do..

> Thanks for the push ,Sean.

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> Craig